

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, August 27, 2015 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

## **THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2015**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kellie Lockwood, RN, MSN, Vice President  
Amy Hooper, LPN  
Linda Floyd, RN, EdD, PMHNP-BC, CNL  
Tammy Burdeaux, RN, BSN, CRNI

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Jim Cleghorn, Executive Director  
Amelia Baker, JD, Assistant Attorney General  
Janet Freeman, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant - Legal/Discipline  
Edye Tillman-Johnson, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline  
Tara Miller, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline

Lockwood called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 27, 2015.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Hooper moved, Burdeaux seconded and the Committee voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(k); 43-1-19(h), 43-26-5(c) and 43-26-11, to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports and pending cases. The motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Thursday, August 27, 2015, Lockwood declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were taken during executive session.

### **INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE CASES**

(LPNI = Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number) (RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Hooper moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

**LPNI150572** – Close with Letter of Concern (Unprofessional Conduct).

**LPNI150437** – Refer to Legal Services for a mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

**LPNI150438** – Refer to the Attorney General’s office to accept voluntary surrender or issue a private reprimand to include courses in Ethics and Professionalism and a fine of \$500 and Investigative costs of \$60.45.

**RNI150025** – Table until September 2015 meeting.

**RNI151222** – Close with Letter of Concern (Unprofessional Conduct).

**RNI130590** – Refer to Board staff for a mitigating letter requesting courses in Professional Accountability and Ethics.

**RNI130600** – Refer to Legal Services handservice of a mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

**RNI140595** – Refer to the Attorney General’s office for a Public Consent Order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports, substance abuse stipulations, a fine for \$500, and Investigative costs of \$739.73. Respondent must notify board within ten (10) days of resolution of criminal case. Request Letter of Explanation prior to referring to Attorney General’s office.

**LPNI150063** – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a Public Consent Order to include a fine of \$500 dollars for action in another jurisdiction.

**RNI150436** – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a Public Consent Order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports, substance abuse stipulations, and a \$500 fine for unprofessional conduct.

**LPNI150534** – Refer to Board staff for a mitigating letter requesting courses in Ethics and Patient Safety.

**LPNI160010** – Refer to Board staff to schedule an investigative interview.

**LPNI140115** – Refer to the Attorney General's office for Indefinite Suspension/Voluntary Surrender.

**RNI100697** – Refer to the Attorney General's office for Inactive Status/Indefinite Suspension/Voluntary Surrender.

**LPNI130076** – Refer to the Attorney General's office for Indefinite Suspension/Voluntary Surrender.

**RNI110798** – Approve early termination of probation.

**RNI140094** – Refer to Attorney General's office for Indefinite Suspension/Voluntary Surrender.

**RNI110426, RNI151217** – Refer to Attorney General's office for Indefinite Suspension/Voluntary Surrender. May reapply after twenty-four (24) months documented sobriety and must submit MPE within thirty (30) days of petition.

**LPNI160036** – Refer to Legal Services for a mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

**RNI151151** – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare) and substance abuse stipulations.

**LPNI150403** – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, and quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare).

**RNI150980** – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports, substance abuse stipulations and a \$500 fine for unprofessional conduct.

**LPNI160044** – License with a Letter of Concern (Alcohol).

**LPNI110021** – Refer to the Attorney General's office for Indefinite Suspension/Voluntary Surrender.

**RNI150398** – Table until September 2015 meeting. Obtain information from evaluating physician regarding necessary steps to allow to return to practice.

**RNI150857** – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare), substance abuse stipulations, work restrictions, a fine of \$500 for unprofessional conduct and investigative costs of \$161.20.

**RNI151003** – Close with Letter of Concern (Medication Errors, Narcotics Handling).

**RNI150990** – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a private consent order to include courses in Medication Errors, Professional Accountability, a \$500 fine for unprofessional conduct, and investigative costs of \$277.16.

**RNI150984** – Refer to Legal Services for an expedited mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator to be handserved. Forward complaint to Georgia Composite Medical Board.

**AG MEMOS:**

**RNI150984** – Accept order as presented.

**RNI150271** – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a public consent order to include four (4) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports, and \$1000 fine.

Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, August 27, 2015 at 4:55 p.m.

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James D. Cleghorn, ***Executive Director***

Approved on